

only four teams in AHL history to have gone from last place to first in one season. Under the able leadership of Coach Peter Laviolette and assistant Bill Armstrong, the Providence Bruins amassed a 56-20-4 record—tops during the regular season—then ran off a perfect 10-0 record at home in the playoffs. In winning the Calder Cup, this Bruins team can rightly boast that they are among the best in the history of the league.

While this championship was very much the team's victory, a special acknowledgment belongs to Peter Ferraro, who, as the Providence Bruins' leading scorer in the playoffs with nine goals, won the Most Valuable Player honor for the 1999 series. The Providence Bruins' determination and great Championship victory exemplify the dedication of the entire team, and their efforts have been appreciated by the people of Rhode Island, who have flocked to their games throughout the season. All of Rhode Island takes justifiable pride in the Providence Bruins' victory, and we wish them continued success as they strive to repeat as winners of the Calder Cup next year.●

TRIBUTE TO KATE M. RIGGS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Kate M. Riggs, of Hooksett, New Hampshire, for being selected as a 1999 Presidential Scholar by U.S. Secretary of Education.

Of the over 2.5 million graduating seniors nationwide, Kate is one of only 141 seniors to receive this distinction for academics. This impressive young woman is well-deserving of the title of Presidential Scholar. I wish to commend Kate for her outstanding achievement.

As a student at Manchester High School West in New Hampshire, Kate has served as a role model for her peers through her commitment to excellence. She will graduate as a co-valedictorian with a 3.9 grade point average. Kate's positive attitude has endeared her to both teachers and students.

Kate's determination promises to guide her in the future. She will attend Harvard University in the fall and will be faced with many new challenges. Kate is sure to tackle them with the vigor that has brought her success in the past.

It is certain that Kate will continue to excel in her future endeavors. I wish to offer my most sincere congratulations and best wishes to Kate. Her achievements are truly remarkable. It is an honor to represent her in the United States Senate.●

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO KATHERINE DUNHAM

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 90th birthday of Ms. Katherine Dunham. Ms. Dunham has made major contributions in the

areas of Dance, Choreography, Musical Composition, Poetry, Anthropology, and has been a champion for the causes of Human Rights and World Peace. Over the course of her career, she has won more than 70 international awards including being selected as a Kennedy Center Honoree. For the past 31 years, Ms. Dunham has lived in East St. Louis, where she has used her talents to enrich the lives of the regions' youth. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join with me in wishing Ms. Katherine Dunham a very special 90th birthday.●

CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY GRADS HEAR DR. DENTON LOTZ

● Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the commencement speaker at a leading university in my state, Campbell University at Buies Creek, N.C., was one of the most impressive and meaningful addresses that I have ever heard or read.

It was delivered by Dr. Denton Lotz, General Secretary to the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Lotz's subject was "New Hope for Destroyed Foundations".

Campbell University is a truly remarkable institution whose president, Dr. Norman Adrian Wiggins, is one of the Nation's most respected educators.

Incidentally, in addition to his responsibilities as president, Dr. Wiggins serves as Professor of Law. I am obliged to add a personal note here: Campbell University's law school is the only law school in North Carolina not one of whose graduates has flunked the State Bar Exam for the past several years.

But I digress. My purpose today is to ask that the text of Dr. Denton's commencement address at Campbell University be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

NEW HOPE FOR DESTROYED FOUNDATIONS—
CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT SER-
MON DELIVERED BY DR. DENTON LOTZ

"If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3

Bob Dylan reminded his generation and ours that "the answer is blowing in the wind." But is it? Is it not rather like the prophet Hosea of old said that we have sown the wind and reaped the whirlwind? (Hosea 8:7) How many litanies this spring shall we hear of Littleton, Colorado and why and how children could lose all sense of values and go on a killing spree? How many times have we read of parental irresponsibility, the school's fault, youth are not listening, and the litany goes on?

What happened in Littleton, Colorado is symbolic of a generation whose foundations have been destroyed. But, this is not only the problem of this generation. It is the history of the 20th century, with the gas warfare of World War I and the gas chambers of World War II. As we enter the 21st century, the President's dream of a new world order has faded and bombs are falling on the Serbian dictator Milosvic, ethnic cleansing continues, children and women suffer. Man experiences the cruelest of deaths. We seem to be able to solve the Y2K computer problem, but deep within humanity there is something that is wrong. The Psalmist spoke of this something as "destroyed foundations".

Indeed when one considers our society we see a number of destroyed foundations: in the family, in the world, and in the church.

(1). The family was long considered the pillar of a just and moral society. Home was the one place you could always go. But, today 60% of new marriages will end in divorce. The result has been a generation of you people without foundations. It is said that 3 in 4 teen suicides are the result of divorce, and 4 in 5 psychiatric admissions. But not only divorce has broken up the family; the community is broken apart. All the blessings of modern society have not brought us together but have divided us. On a warm summer day in Havana, Cuba I saw this. There was no air conditioning, as a result people sat on their porches, children played together in the streets, people talked to one another. Our modern blessings have caused us to close our doors, turn on the air and sit in front of the TV . . . cut off from community, alone and isolated.

(2). The same is true for the church. Modern media has made religion an entertainment business. Like Kirkegaard's famous geese, we come to Church on Sunday morning and waddle home and that's the end of it. Theological controversy within and hypocrisy without have diminished the role of the Church. When great tragedies strike, no longer is the pastor the counselor, but immediately TV goes to Hollywood and our favorite guru TV actor tries to console society which, without God and without hope, has pretty much made a mess of things!

(3). And the government suffers the same fate. Government in Washington is not trusted. Righteous laws proposed by unrighteous legislators confuse the population. Indeed the strong foundations of the capitol building are now guarded by armed policemen, guard dogs, and metal detecting devices. Everything seems to be falling apart. This spring even the Washington cherry trees were not immune. Unknown and uncaught beavers were chopping down cherry trees every night, until they were finally caught. It is a symbol of our day. The strong trees of justice, of equality, of morality seem to be getting chopped down. Is there any hope?

Well, if it is any comfort, we are not the first generation to experience destroyed foundations. It seems to be the plight of humanity. Indeed it is the human story. It is what history is all about. Destroyed foundations, and rebuilding new foundations that will withstand the next assault. This seems to be the fate of modern man. Rousseau expressed it well in explaining the agitated street life of Paris. He called it the social whirlwind. One of his heroes says:

"I'm beginning to feel the drunkenness that this agitated, tumultuous life plunges you into. With such a multitude of objects passing before my eyes. I'm getting dizzy. Of all the things that strike me, there is none that holds my heart, yet all of them together disturb my feelings, so that I forget what I am and who I belong to." (Cox, Religion in the Secular City, p. 182)

Does that sound familiar? Isn't that our plight today? The dizziness of it all. The Psalmist knew the problem, as did men and women of old and thus the question, "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

I. False answers: The first advice the Psalmist gets is simply to run away: "Flee like a bird to the mountains; for lo, the wicked bend the bow, they have fitted their arrow to the string, to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart." A modern interpretation may sound like this: "Let's escape from it all and have a great weekend and forget all our problems. The trenchcoat mafia may abound and have its sight on us, but we are going to drink and be merry and have a ball."